

Remarks

In view of the communication mailed November 18, 2005, the Applicants have reconsidered the situation and respond as follows:

First of all, Applicants continue to elect specie III corresponding to figure 4, and have now identified claims 1 to 4 and 10 to 14 which are readable on that specie. Claims 5 to 9 and 15 are therefore identified above as being withdrawn.

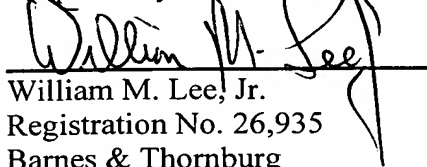
New claims 6 to 21 have been added, and are also directly readable on specie III of figure 4. New claim 16 and corresponding new method claim 21 are directed to figure 4 and the specification as filed, in particular page 16, lines 11 to 16, indicating that for each color subbeam equal light paths are provided. New claim 17 is supported by figure 4 and the specification as filed, particularly page 17, lines 27 to 28, indicating the light splitting means splits the light beams in different color components, as well as page 16, lines 24 to 31, indicating that the light splitting means preferably is provided at the pupil of the imaging lenses. New claim 18 reads on figure 4 and is supported by the specification as originally filed, in particular page 18, lines 23 to 24 and page 19, lines 1 to 4. New claim 19 also reads on figure 4 and is supported by page 17, lines 16 to 17. Claim 20 reads on figure 4 and is supported by the specification, particularly page 17, lines 16 to 20 in combination with page 5, line 33 through page 6, line 7.

Also, so that the claims are more in accordance with U.S. practice, certain of the claims have been amended above to remove reference numerals.

Further action on the application is now awaited, and the Applicants reiterate that the embodiments of figures 1, 2 and 6, while not currently elected species, nevertheless are covered at least by generic claims 1 to 4 of the application. It is therefore submitted that, once a generic claim is allowed, all of the species of the application should be included, including figures 1, 2 and 6.

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